

SITTING UP FROZEN STIFF.

A Brother of Senator Robertson Meets a Terrible Death.

He is Overcome in a Snow Storm and Dies Alone.

James H. Robertson, a prominent citizen of Peekskill, N. Y., and a brother of Senator George W. Robertson, one of the Lexow Committee, was found frozen to death at Hudson avenue and South street, in that town, about 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Robertson had been visiting Governor Joseph A. Apgar, and left his place about 1:30 o'clock last evening. A fearful snowstorm was raging at the time, and it is thought Mr. Robertson became exhausted soon after leaving Mr. Apgar's house and stopped to rest on the Mission House stoop, which is about 80 feet away.

He was found sitting on the ground with his back and head resting against the mission building, frozen stiff. He was about fifty-eight years old, and was formerly a member of the firm of Baxa, Robertson & Co., organ builders, of this city. He leaves a widow, daughter Emily and a son, Fredrick. They reside at 315 Washington street.

Senator Robertson said his brother was subject to heart trouble, and he was of opinion that he fell dead from a stroke of apoplexy. The Senator said he knew his brother was home last night, but had not heard the circumstances under which he left home and got to the wharf near the hospital.

Mr. Robertson was for several years President of Peekskill.

Senator Robertson telegraphed to Senator Lexow that on account of the death of his brother he would not attend the Committee meeting to-day.

DOWNFALL OF MR. CROKER.

But It Was on the Ice Pavement, and Didn't Hurt Him Much.

Mr. Richard Croker refuses to say anything further on his dispute with Congressman Cockran. There is much dissension between factions in Tammany Hall.

Mr. Croker, on his way home yesterday afternoon, slipped on the ice and fell, injuring himself slightly. He reached his home, 5 East Seventy-fourth street, without help. This morning he went downtown as usual.

Mr. Croker's son told an "Evening World" reporter this morning that the ex-boss is none the worse for his fall.

NO SKATING IN THE PARK.

The Ice on the Lakes is in Very Poor Condition Just Now.

"The prospects of good skating upon the lakes in Central Park during the present cold snap are anything but encouraging. If there be any skating at all, it will not be for several days, and then the ice will be so poor that it will afford but little pleasure."

These were the statements made by Park Superintendent Parsons to an "Evening World" reporter this morning, and the terrible storm that visited this section of the city yesterday is to blame. Before the snowstorm a

A BUSINESS WOMAN.

For a woman who works, sooner or later has to build up her strength with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. If you suffer from backache, nervousness, fainting spells, or sleeplessness, take the "Prescription." It is woman's special tonic and nerve.

If it doesn't benefit or cure, in "female complaints" and weakness, you have your money back.

Dr. B. V. Pierce: Dear Sir—I have taken the "Favorite Prescription" and I can recommend it to any body that suffers with any female disease. I have tried several doctor's prescriptions but none did me the good that yours did. Yours respectfully,

Patricia Perry
Foot Minton, Sherrill Hill, Dallas Co., Ala.

coating of clear, smooth ice, nearly an inch thick, had formed.

Everything is in readiness for work upon the new skate-house to begin. The plans are all finished, and the contract ready to be signed. The work cannot be begun, however, until after Jan. 1, as the Park Commissioners have no money, and are forced to wait until new appropriation can be drawn upon.

The new house is to be 125 feet long, 25 feet wide and 25 feet high, with a platform 8 feet wide running its entire length on the lake front. In the rear is a smaller house, 45 feet long.

The new house will be built on the southern side of the big lake at Seventy-second street.

CALLS FOR STREET CLEANERS

Commissioner Andrews Issues an Open Appeal to All Workers.

Commissioner Andrews is going to make an effort to clear the snow and slush from the streets after all. A call has been sent out for 1,000 additional men, who will be put to work at once.

The conditions of the advertisement require that the men must be citizens of the United States. Each man must provide his own tools, and the city will be paid \$1.50 per day. Applicants will apply at the basement of the new Criminal Court Building.

THE COLDEST IN 14 YEARS.

Dunn "Called the Turn" on the Drop in Temperature.

To-day, according to Observer Dunn, is the coldest Dec. 28 New York has known in fourteen years, and with one exception, Dec. 28, 1880, when the thermometer registered 11 degrees above zero, the coldest since 1870, the temperature on that date being 8 degrees above zero.

The prophet was right in his prediction that the temperature would drop 20 degrees between 5 A. M. yesterday and 5 P. M. to-day from 34 degrees above zero to 14 degrees, a difference of 20 degrees.

This is the most extensive cold wave that has swept the country for years. It spreads as far south as lower Florida, and will probably last until Monday.

The coldest weather reported this morning is at White River, Canada, 42 degrees below zero. In the United States the coldest places are Northfield, Vt., and Miles City, in both towns the thermometer is 18 degrees below zero.

Everywhere, except in Florida, the temperature is below the freezing point. The upper Hudson is frozen over.

The fall of temperature between New England and Middle Atlantic States averages from 20 to 24 degrees.

THE MISTLETOE TOWED IN.

She Was Thought to Be Ashore at Far Rockaway Yesterday.

The British bark Mistletoe, Capt. Kinney, which was off Far Rockaway all day yesterday, was towed to Stapleton, S. I., early this morning by the wrecking tug J. J. Merritt.

Capt. Kinney states that he sailed from St. John, N. B., with a cargo of lumber and laths Dec. 18, bound for New York. Experienced heavy weather up to Dec. 27, and on the 28th when the vessel was struck by a strong northeast gale, accompanied by thick snow, lasting twelve hours. Was obliged to leave the vessel laboring heavily.

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TUG LOST AND CREW SAVED.

Five Men Have a Close Call on the Delaware River.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The tug Israel W. Durham, bound from Delaware City to Philadelphia, was boarded by a succession of big seas while off Thompson's Point, on the Delaware River, during the storm, and the water reached the boilers and quenched the fire. The tug soon began to founder, and Capt. Foster and his crew of four men strapped life-preservers around their bodies, and at the last moment leaped into the icy waters.

They managed to keep close to the sinking craft, however, and eventually clambered on to the top of the pilot-house, which was all that remained above water. They were compelled to remain throughout the fiercest of the storm, nearly dawn, when they were picked up by the tug Confidence. The men are in a serious condition. The tug, which was valued at \$7,000, is a total loss.

Steamer Locked in the Ice.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ROUNDT, Dec. 28.—The thermometer in this city at daybreak to-day registered 10 degrees below zero.

NEBRASKA WANTS NO HELP.

Abundantly Able to Care for All Drought Sufferers.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28.—Sensational stories have appeared in certain Eastern newspapers of terrible suffering experienced as the result of the drought. It has been reported that thousands of persons were starving and that many settlers actually had perished for want of food. As a result measures for the relief of the drought-stricken Nebraska farmers are being discussed by Eastern and Southern papers.

The Bee is continually in receipt of letters from Nebraskans who reside in the East, asking for a true statement of the situation. The Bee of to-day says:

"While the offers of substantial aid from abroad are appreciated, we believe Nebraska will be able to care for all who are in want and distress within her borders."

At the time the crop failure first became evident the idea of calling a special session of the Legislature was abandoned as unnecessary.

BIG SCARE AT THE HOFFMAN.

A Two-Dollar Fire Creates Excitement and Burns a Man.

Fright of a Hoffman House fireman at 3 o'clock this morning caused much excitement in the hotel and its immediate neighborhood.

The boiler-room of the hotel is in a three-story building at 11 West Twenty-fourth street. The temperature was left to look after the engine-room while the engineer, who was examining steam pipes in the building.

The engineer had been gone five minutes, when a hot blast of steam escaped from the boiler, and the fireman rushed to the boiler-room. He found the boiler was on fire, and he rushed to the fire alarm box. He worked so wildly he set fire to a chair.

He did not notice the burning chair. When exhausted with his exertion he stooped to sit on the chair, which had been set on fire. The moment he touched it the fire caught his clothes and he was in flames. He rushed to the boiler-room with a wild cry of "Petel! Petel!" and Petel was in the boiler-room.

The engine-room house is connected by a passageway with the hotel proper and with 7 West Twenty-fourth street. Masterman rushed to the latter place, as he knew there was a night watchman there. He ran he stumbled over everything in his way. Once he rushed headlong into a stone wall and cut a deep wound in his head. Finally he reached Watchman W. L. Brennan, but was too much alarmed to talk.

"What's the matter?" asked Brennan, as he noticed the man's clothing was on fire. He rushed to the fire alarm box, and the fireman reached for the alarm box. He was on fire and turned in an alarm at Twenty-third street.

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Have Placed on Sale a Line of MEN'S DRESS SHOES

In Button and Lace,

Made of Genuine French Patent Leather, in the newest styles, comfortable for fit and as durable as patent leather can be made. Every pair I guarantee to be equal to any \$5.00 shoe purchased elsewhere.

Men's Calf Patent Leather Shoes in Button and Lace, \$3.00

FOR DRESS WEAR AND LIGHT USE THESE SHOES HAVE NO EQUAL WILL FIT CLOSE WITHOUT PINCHING AND REQUIRE NO BREAKING IN.

CAUTION—HAVING NO AGENCIES OR BRANCH STORES, MY SHOES CANNOT BE PURCHASED OF ANY OTHER DEALER.

A. J. CAMMEYER, 6th Ave., cor. 20th St.

and fatally injured two and perhaps three men. The victims are Chief Engineer Fred Patton, Fireman John Albo and Electrician Riley Mowen. The two first named will die, and there are not many chances for the recovery of Mowen.

The explosion was caused by a defective flue in the boiler, which permitted a stream of water to enter the firebox. The door of the boiler was blown out and scalding three men who stood before it and crashing through a two-foot wall beyond. The explosion shook the immense structure and caused the guests to flee from their rooms.

Waterbury's Finest Block Burned.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 28.—Fire broke out this morning at 2:40 in Lawlor's Hotel, 35 East Main street, which was totally destroyed, while the Platt Block, the nearest in the city, was completely gutted. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil tank in the hotel. The loss is \$25,000. The Platt Block was occupied by twenty lawyers, who all lost heavily.

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